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Responsive to the notification dated December 6, 2006, and in accordance with the provisions of 35 USC 371, Applicants submit herewith a Rule 63 Declaration and a Supplemental Application Data Sheet.

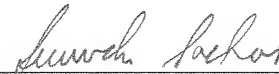
In light of the foregoing, this application is deemed to be in proper condition for examination and such favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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